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Office Action Summary

Application No. 08/884,044	Applicant(s) Schilling; Knittel
Examiner Thu Nguyen	Group Art Unit 2779

Responsive to communication(s) filed on Jun 25, 2000

This action is FINAL.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire three month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 15 and 34 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 15 and 34 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claims 15 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Schilling et al ("Texram: a Smart Memory for Texturing", IEEE Computer graphics and Applications, Vol.16, No.3, May 1996, pp 32-41).

As per claim 15, and 34, Schilling et al teaches a device for generating mipmaps from video resources. The device comprises: a first adder, a first FIFO buffer, a second adder, a second FIFO buffer, a register, and a circuit coupled to the mipmap for the next higher LOD (fig.10, page 38; page 37, 1st. col., section "Real Time mipmap generation").

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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4. Claims 15, and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Knittel et al (“GRAMMY: High Performance Graphics Using Graphics Memories”, Proceedings of the International Workshop on High Performance Computing for Computer Graphics and Visualization, Swansea, July 1995, pp.33-48).

As per claim 15, and 34, Knittel et al discloses a device for generating mipmaps from video resources. The device comprises: a first adder, a first FIFO buffer, a second adder, a second FIFO buffer, a register, and a circuit coupled to the mipmap for the next higher LOD (fig.11, page 45; page 45, last paragraph in section 2.2.5 “video mapping”).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 15 and 34 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

6. Claim 60 belong to group II which is drawn to specular reflected light and is the non-elected group. Office Action paper 12 (issued on 11/23/99) miss indicating the claim 60 in group II. Please note and indicate the claim cancellation accordingly.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 306-9130. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm ET.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Powell, can be reached on (703) 305-9703. The fax phone number for this Group is (703)308-6606 .

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)305-3900.

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